

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Shimoji et al.
App. No	:	10/564,874
Filed	:	January 17, 2006
For	:	SUTURE REINFORCEMENT MATERIAL FOR AUTOMATIC SUTURING DEVICE
Examiner	:	Orkin, Alexander J.
Art Unit	:	3773
Conf No.	:	3870

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2009 in the above-identified application. Applicants submit the following items for consideration in connection with the application.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and response begin on page 4 of this paper.